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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

ROBERT A. LOPEZ,

G.D. LOUIS,

Petitioner,

v.

Respondent.

No. C 12-3659 RS (PR)

ORDER OF TRANSFER

Petitioner challenges the constitutional validity of the convictions he suffered in a Stanislaus County Superior Court. Stanislaus County lies in the venue of the Eastern District of California. Venue is proper in a habeas action in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction, 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d); however, a petition challenging a conviction or the sentence imposed is preferably heard in the district of conviction. See Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b). Because petitioner suffered his convictions in the Eastern District, this action is TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) and Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b), and in the interests of justice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Clerk shall transfer this matter forthwith.

DATED: October 25, 2012

United States District Judge

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